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Subject: Method QC Update for GC/MS and GC Users

TO: All GC/MS STAFF AND LABORATORY CHEMISTS
SUBJECT: QUALITY CONTROL BLANKS IN A SEQUENCE
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Effective immediately, 11/12/07, all GC/MS operators and laboratory chemists using the GC instruments in the general laboratory should make sure all blanks prior to a weak method are also acquired on the same weak method. The use of a more sensitive method on a sample should be preceded by a blank using the same method to make certain injector carryover does not contribute to the sample.

Also, new GC methods have recently been added to the GC instruments in the general laboratory. Chemists unfamiliar with their intended use should continue to use the methods they have used in the past such as routine.m and genscan.m. The new methods on the GC instruments are similar to the methods used in the mass spectrometry laboratory. Any questions concerning their use should be directed to a QC Chemist, either Annie or I. Thank you for your cooperation.

Peter Piro